REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 1988

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 19, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, B. B. Holt, R. B. Hutton, H. W. Leap, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police.

Mr. Kitchen of Adelphia Cablevision was present and introduced Mr. John Regis, President of Adelphia and his son James. Mr. John Regis gave a brief background on his company and his son James spoke regarding reasons he felt council should not grant a television franchise to another company who has requested a franchise to operate in Elkton. Several of the reasons given were that Adelphia has made a strong commitment to the community to rebuild the system and have a state of the art system, granting two franchises doesn't make good economic sense, not enough room on the poles and effect on the public interest. He suggested council take a close look at the new company requesting a franchise to see if they are willing to put up a performance bond, present financial statements and then check their past performances.

Councilwoman Life questioned the reason service was off yesterday and reported some people were not very successful in getting through on the "800" number. Mr. Kitchen stated they hope to have a twenty-four hour "in house" answering service in operation within the next few months. He gave another number to call collect if a problem arises and Mr. John Regis gave council his number also. Mr. Kitchen distributed a handout on the channels which will be available when the new system is completed and the new price list which will become effective at that time. They hope to be ready by the end of the year to start hooking up customers to the new system.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. B. Hutton and carried to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing August 15, 1988 and the Regular Meeting August 15, 1988 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported that Supervisor Hulings had requested that he extend an invitation to council to attend the meeting Wednesday night that the County is having with the residents of Pentecostal Hill and the Newtown areas.

Mr. Monger reported that the tennis courts lights are up but not on. In regards to the fluoride, the Health Department still has not been in to check out the system. Mr. Monger stated he had talked to them today and would contact them again to try to get something rolling.

Mr. Monger reported that he has received three applications for the electrician's position. The Electric Committee will meet to review the applications.

Chief Pence reviewed the monthly police report. He stated the overtime was due to double coverage during Field Day and a rather active month.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of August 1988.

Councilman Snow reported that the Finance Committee had met September 12th. to discuss raising the utility deposits.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to change the Customer Deposits for utilities to $150.00 for electric on both residental renters and all business customers and $50.00 water deposit for all residental renters and all business customers. Reconnection fees will be $10.00 for each service, electric and water, during business hours and four times the hourly rate of the town electrician or of the person making the reconnection after business hours.

Councilman Leap questioned which committee reworked the connection schedules for Electric, Water and Sewer Services and was told the Finance Committee had worked on these. Councilman Leap stated he was pleased that the job was done, in that it has long been needed, and he was in agreement with the rates. However, in the past, this has been the responsibility of the Water and Sewer Committee and the Electric Committee and, as far as he knows, it still is. He feels that at least the other committees should have been notified.

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

Davis	-	yea	Leap	-	yea
Holt	-	yea	Life	-	yea
Hutton	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

Councilman Davis reported that the Electric Committee will be meeting to review the applications for an electrician.

Mayor Dean reminded council of the trip to Manassas Thursday, September 29th., to view their electric system and the diesel generators.

Councilman Davis stated he would appreciate it if everyone would be giving some thought to the presentation by the VMEA No. 1 as council will have to be making a decision in the near future.

Councilwoman Life reported that Mr. Monger has talked with Mr. Shuler regarding the street names and the "911" system. The Street Committee will be meeting to discuss this and get back with the County. They also will be discussing the "No Thru Truck" sign for East Rockingham Street.

Councilwoman Life, as Vice President of the Historical Society, reported that the Horse Show went well and expressed thanks to the town and the employees for their help. She also pointed out that the railroad crossing signals are being installed on Marshall Avenue.

Councilwoman Life reported she has given Mr. Flick another name for the Cemetery Commission and the commission should soon be up to full membership. She also reported that the Garden Club has taken care of the trees and shrubs.

Councilwoman Life reported that last Tuesday Lowell Winegard called her and wanted to present the town flag which he had seen to having made, through EPIC. She stated she had gotten in touch with everyone and invited them. He had gotten in touch with the press. The flag was presented and is up and she wanted to thank EPIC and Lowell Winegard for the flag.

Councilwoman Life presented a drawing showing the location of the caboose and the parking facilities. She also presented the costs for moving the caboose, the grading, the painting and water, sewer and electric services to the property. Councilwoman Life stated she has had offers of help to paint,

possibly some upholstery inside, railroad pictures for the caboose, offer from EPIC to man the visitor's center, EPIC brochures for the center and she plans to ask the banks to finance town maps. She pointed out she would like to get some of the items contributed to help cut down the moving cost and that all the $8,729.00 estimated would not have to be done immediately. She stated she has been in contact with Norfolk Southern and they are trying to find a better caboose, but if not, we will keep the one we have.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis that the town accept the caboose being donated by Norfolk Southern and place it at the triangle between Rockingham Street and Spotswood Trail on town property.

There was considerable discussion regarding location of the caboose. Several council members stated they have received some opposition to the location proposed behind the town Christmas tree between Rockingham Street and Spotswood Trail.

The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Davis	-	yea	Leap	-	nay
Holt	-	nay	Life	-	yea
Hutton	-	nay	Snow	-	yea

Mayor - yea

Councilman Davis questioned how long we are going to wait to see if the railroad is going to find us another one. Councilwoman Life stated the railroad didn't give us a time frame for moving the present caboose. Councilman Davis suggested we be sure we are not going to get another caboose before we do anything. Mayor Dean stated we also need to make sure that they know we don't want two more. Councilwoman Life stated there are no more available.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis that, should the amount be needed, we appropriate $3,600.00 toward the basic cost of locating the caboose. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	yea	Leap	-	nay
Holt	-	nay	Life	-	yea
Hutton	-	nay	Snow	-	nay

Councilman Snow reported that they have moved some dirt in preparation for the bathrooms in the park. They should be completed in approximately ninety days.

Councilman Hutton reported he is still working on personnel. He has not gotten all the employees forms back as yet. He stated he has a copy of the grievance procedure and will be getting with Mr. Davenport on this.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. B. Hutton and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and personnel matters.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk